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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CY, US

SUBJECT: CYPRUS PRINCIPLES

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MAX: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
FULL REPORT CONVEYED THROUGH AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY ON THE
DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AT THE MEETING LAST WEEK OF THE EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS. WE WERE VERY PLEASED THAT THE
COMMUNITY IS PREPARED TO GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO USE OF
THE CYPRUS PRINCIPLES WITH THE PARTIES. WE WILL WANT TO
CONTINUE TO KEEP IN THE CLOSEST TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY
AS WE PURSUE THIS INITIATIVE.

3. WITH REGARD TO TIMING, I MOST APPRECIATED THE WILLING-
NESS OF THE COMMUNITY TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY PRIOR TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DEBATE ON CYPRUS. HOWEVER, ON FURTHER
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REFLECTION, WE HAVE COME TO THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE

PREFERABLE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE DEBATE WHICH WE UNDER-
STAND IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8.
I KNOW YOU SHARE OUR VIEW THAT THE PRINCIPLES BE INTRO-
DUCED IN A MANNER AND AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS A GOOD
POSSIBILITY THAT THEY CAN BE USED TO STIMULATE MEANINGFUL

NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS AND THE BEST SUCH TIME WOULD NOW
SEEM TO BE MID TO LATE NOVEMBER

4. IF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DISCUSS CYPRUS AGAIN SOON, YOU MIGHT RAISE AGAIN THE
QUESTION WHETHER THE COMMUNITY MIGHT NOW BE WILLING, GIVEN
THE DELAY WE CONTEMPLATE, TO HAVE JOINT US-EC SPONSORSHIP
OF THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WE WOULD DISTRIBUTE TO THE PARTIES
IN A PARALLEL MANNER. SHOULD THERE BE SOME RESERVATIONS
ABOUT A JOINT APPROACH, I HOPE THAT THE MINISTERS CAN
CONFIRM THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE
SUPPORTING DEMARCHES IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE PRESENT THE
PRINCIPLES TO THE PARTIES.

5. I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT FOR THE TIME BEING WE NOT
DISCUSS THE PRINCIPLES INFORMALLY WITH THE PARTIES BUT
RATHER DELAY ANY FURTHER OVERTURES WITH THEM UNTIL WE ARE
PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD AFTER THE UN DEBATE. IN PARTICULAR
WE SHOULD AVOID ANY IMPLICATION BEING GIVEN IN ATHENS AND
ANKARA AND ON CYPRUS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE
LANGUAGE BEFORE THE PRINCIPLES ARE EVEN INTRODUCED.
RATHER I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE WORD-
ING HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY THE COMMUNITY AND THE US AND
REPRESENTS OUR BEST EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO A RESUMPTION
OF THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATING PROCESS. OTHERWISE WE WILL BE
INVOLVED IN AN ENDLESS NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

6. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REACTION AND THAT OF YOUR EC
COLLEAGUES. WARM REGARDS, HENRY. END TEXT.

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